

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Stabilization Funds

The Stabilization Funds application is due today (October 1) and must be submitted by midnight in order for your district to use these funds. The application is available in the Portal under the GMS tab. The Assurances must be printed, signed by the President of the School Board and the Superintendent and submitted to Commissioner Roger Breed. Applications are not being approved without the signed Assurances.

There are revisions to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guidance for the SFSF Stabilization Funds found at: http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PDF/SFSF_Stabilization_Funds_Q_and_A_July_14.pdf The following is one change in this guidance:

Q: When can a district begin to spend the Stabilization Funds?

A: When the application is approved, the Stabilization funds can be obligated or spent starting on September 1, 2009. Stabilization Funds are being distributed as equalization aid under TEEOSA and the availability of the funds is defined by timelines for TEEOSA. Thus, Stabilization Funds are available from September 1 through August 31 of the year awarded.

ARRA Title II, Part D

The ARRA Title II, Part D – Technology competitive grant application will be available by 4:00 p.m. on October 1 at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/titleii/PartD/NDEGrantForms.html> Completed applications are due on November 14, 2009.

Section 1512 Report – due October 5, 2009

Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the Consolidated Data Collection in the NDE Portal: <http://portal.nde.state.ne.us/site/DesktopDefault.aspx>

Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even though there has not been any payment(s) received. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at:

<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>

For assistance with the Portal or activation codes, please contact the NDE Helpdesk at: 888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov. For questions of ARRA Section 1512 Reporting, please contact: Ron Mowrey at: 402-471-2396 or ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov

NCLB Consolidated Application – 2009-10

IMPORTANT: The Title I, Part A reallocation funds were not included in the 2009-10 application when it opened. These funds have now been added to the 2009-10 applications. Districts and ESUs that have not submitted an application yet will find the amounts on the Allocations page. Districts and ESUs that submitted their applications will have them returned and will need to unlock the budget page to see the reallocated amount. If the application was already approved, the district will need to create an amendment to see the amount of reallocation funds. If a district joined a cooperative project in an ESU,

their reallocation was assigned to that ESU. We apologize for the additional effort caused by not including these funds before the application opened.

Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS)

Who Reports What

The "Who Reports What" document has been revised and is now posted on the NSSRS Documents web page (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) with a date of September 30, 2009.

NDE Helpdesk

Just a reminder that the NDE Helpdesk is staffed M-F 8am-5pm (CDT); all calls are answered in the order in which they are received and are returned within 24 hours or less. Districts/Systems are strongly encouraged to correct errors and any warnings if they can be fixed as soon as possible. When calling or e-mailing the Helpdesk, please provide as much detail as possible and let us know if you will be available after 3:30pm or provide alternate phone numbers. Thank you for your patience as we get into our busy time.

Reminders:

LEP and Poverty Plans

The LEP and Poverty Plans are due October 20, 2009. The forms are found in the Portal under the GMS tab.

ARRA Central Contractor Registration – due October 10, 2009

Recent guidance from the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) requires every recipient of ARRA funds to register in the CCR. The CCR will be used by the Office of Budget and Management to verify information submitted by NDE. NDE cannot register districts, ESUs or School Food Authorities nor will NDE collect any information about your registration in the CCR. It is anticipated that USDE will notify NDE if they are validating data and the CCR is not completed by an agency that received ARRA funds through NDE. **Registering in the CCR is required and must be completed by October 10, 2009.**

To register in the CCR, go to: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

You will need to have the following information to complete your registration:

1. DUNS Number
2. Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Taxpayer Name
2. Statistical Information about your business
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Information

State of the Schools Report 2008-09

The State of the Schools Report opens to the public at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009.

NCLB Qualified Teacher Data

NCLB Qualified Teachers data is now on the State of the Schools Report Preview: 2008-09. Please check your data, particularly the "NCLB Content Area". There are "courses" for which there is no curriculum information for a teacher. If your district or school has one or more courses with the "No Curriculum Data on File", please refer to the NCLB Qualified Teacher materials sent to each Superintendent this week for instructions on how to add or change data. Contact Sharon Katt (Sharon.katt@nebraska.gov, 402-471-2405) or Pat Madsen (pat.madsen@nebraska.gov 402-471-4863). Information on NCLB Qualified Teachers is found at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>